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EMPLOYEE OF FEDERAL CONTRACTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS

PADUCAH, KY - **Jason Lane Litwiller**, age 46, of Knoxville, Tennessee, pled guilty to an eight-count Information charging him with the theft of government funds, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

Litwiller admitted that while he was an employee of a subcontractor of a Department of Energy prime contractor, from about September 2003 until about April 2004, he submitted claims for expenses that were paid with funds of the United States. Litwiller admitted that he converted certain amounts of money that were reimbursed for his claimed expenses to his own use and intended to deprive the United States of the use of the money. The total amount of the funds that were illegally converted to his use as charged in the Information was approximately \$800.00.

The maximum potential penalties for each of the charges in the Information are 1 year imprisonment, a \$100,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 1 year.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Sparks, and it was investigated by the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Energy.

The plea was entered before Hon. W. David King, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky.

Litwiller is scheduled to be sentenced before Magistrate Judge King on October 16,

2007, at 10:00 a.m., in Paducah, Kentucky.

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